

SUMMARY.

Excesses appear in the Direct demands on all Principal Heads of Revenue except Stamps and Registration and in the Expenditure of all Departments except Law and Justice, Palace, Elephant and Horse Establishments, Deva-swoms and Public Works Department. The total excess under General Service was Rs. 4,95,000 nearly. On the Financial and Commercial services the excesses were Rs. 988 and Rs. 5,966 aggregating to Rs. 6,954. For the year 1081 the grants for almost all the Departments have had to be reduced in order to provide for the Murajapom ceremony and His Highness' trip to Madras. The total reduction of grant under all services is Rs. 1,44,163.

The year opened with a balance of Rs. 85,49,236 and closed with Rs. 77,53,718 to the credit of Government resulting in a deficit of Rs. 7,95,518. The budget for 1081 is also a deficit one, Rs. 8,26,200 being estimated as the probable deficit and Rs. 69,27,518 as the closing balance. Against the closing balance of Rs. 77,53,718, we have the following assets:—

<i>Huzur Treasury.</i>		Rs.	
Gold bullion	....	40,665	
Uncurrent Gold coins	....	21,480	
Silver bullion	....	2,03,790	
Uncurrent Silver coins	....	6,262	
Withdrawn Silver chuckrams	....	8,71,209	
Ivory and other articles	....	848	
Pepper, Coconut oil, &c.	....	6,562	11,50,816
<i>Departmental Balances.</i>			
P. W. Department	....	6,52,147	
Maramat	....	56,876	
Mint	....	12,073	
Forest	....	699	
Salt Department	....	1,26,335	
Paddy in granaries	....	1,27,341	9,75,471
Government of India Promissory Notes		56,26,714	
Cash in Treasuries	....	717	56,27,431
Total.....		77,53,718.	

The rest of the Government of India Promissory notes, cash in Treasury, fixed and current Deposits with Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., Madras, are set apart as assets against the net liabilities of Deposits, uncashed D. P. W. cheques, uncashed bills, &c. For want of sufficient time the details of these liabilities could not be verified and placed before you. They will however be published later on in the Administration Report of the year.

Owing to the death of the Huzur Treasurer the verification and correct valuation of the Huzur Treasury balances above detailed was not made. The new officer has recently verified and taken charge of them and on receipt of his report all the deficiencies and depreciations found by him will be charged off to profit and loss and correct balance carried forward. It is apprehended that there may be a depreciation of about Rs. 50,000 under withdrawn silver chuckrams, which

together with the whole amount of Rs. 6,562 under pepper and cocoanut oil, &c., which articles are not forthcoming, has to be written off the accounts.

Under Departmental balances the stock balance of D. P. W. Workshops and Stores has been verified up to 1078; Rs. 1,50,900 will have to be written off according to the Report of the Chief Engineer. Besides this, there is a sum of Rs. 66,847 included in the balance of this Department which appears to be the unadjusted advances, stock, deposits, &c., of many years past for which no details of any kind can now be traced. The whole of this amount also will have to be written off the accounts.

The Stock balance of the Maramat Department has yet to be verified.

Deducting Rs. 2,74,309, as ascertained up to date, which will have to be written off as loss during the current year, the closing balance of this year will be only Rs. 66,53,209 instead of Rs. 69,27,518 as now budgeted.

25. **Conclusion.**—I have given you, gentlemen, a short *resumé* of the administration of the different departments of the State during the past year. The account will, I hope, give you some insight into the working of the administration during the year and the measures proposed to be adopted during the current year.

Before concluding I may refer to the visit of His Highness the Maha Rajah to the Sister State of Cochin and the cordial and magnificent reception His Highness received there. Last year we also had the honor of a visit from the Maha Rajah of Benares.

In January this year at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor, His Highness the Maha Rajah visited Madras. His Highness was the guest of His Excellency and received every mark of consideration and thoroughly enjoyed his trip. His Highness looks forward with great pleasure and interest to his approaching visit to Madras to welcome Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is a rare privilege to take part in welcoming the Heir-Apparent to the British throne and the Indian Empire. It is now 30 years since we had a similar privilege when His Majesty the King-Emperor visited India as Prince of Wales. The visit of the Heir-Apparent is calculated to strengthen the bonds of union between the British Empire and the different nationalities and peoples inhabiting this vast continent. He is the representative of the Power which has brought peace to the land and started the country on a career of progress and prosperity. The Native States, and Travancore in particular, are under special obligations to the Royal Family for their traditional solicitude to maintain the integrity and honor of these States.

This year His Highness the Maha Rajah completed the twentieth year of His Highness' rule and the spontaneous outburst of loyalty that characterized the celebration of the auspicious event in every village and hamlet in Travancore testifies to the strong hold His Highness has secured on the affection and regard of his devoted subjects. —

Important portions from the Malayalam translation of the Address were read to the Assembly by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon, Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam Division.